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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, AR (LOPEZ REGA, JOSE)

SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT TO US BY LOPEZ REGA

REF: STATE 134383

1. FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES ASKED TO SEE ME LATE FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 6. HE SAID MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE LOPEZ REGA WAS CONSIDERING TEN-DAY REST VACATION AT A FLORIDA BEACH AND ASKED ME FOR SUGGESTIONS. I REPLIED THAT I WAS NOT PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH FLORIDA BEACHES AND WONDERED WHETHER FONMIN HAD CONSULTED AMBASSADOR ORFILA. VIGNES REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY BUT SAID ORFILA HAD RECOMMENDED LOPEZ REGA TO GO TO NASSAU INSTEAD.

2. VIGNES ADMITTED ONE OF BODY GUARDS WOULD BE RODOLFO EDUARDO ALMIRON. I POINTED OUT PRESENCE OF ALMIRON IN US MIGHT RESULT IN BAD PUBLICITY BECAUSE ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INFORMATION HE WAS IMPLICATED IN DEATH OF US AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT EARL THOMAS DAVIS IN 1964. AS I WAS LEAVING HIS OFFICE VIGNES SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE BEST IF HE SUGGESTED TO LOPEZ REGA THAT HE GO TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. VIGNES SAID THAT HE WOULD CONTACT ME THE NEXT DAY.

3. IN MORNING SATURDAY JUNE 7, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL EVENTUALLY INFORMED ME TRIP TO US BY LOPEZ REGA WAS OFF, BUT GAVE NO REASON.

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4. PRESS HAD SPECULATED LOPEZ REGA MIGHT TAKE VACATION IN

SPAIN. ON JUNE 9 HE WAS STILL IN BUENOS AIRES WHERE HE MET WITH FONMIN FOR HOUR AND A HALF, ACCORDING TO PRESS. UNRESOLVED PROBLMES POSED BY LABOR DEMANDS FOR INCREASED WAGES IN FACE OF PRICE INCREASES AND PESO DEVALUATION WOULD INDICATE TIME NOT PROPITIOUS FOR VACATION ABROAD REGARDLESS OF COUNTRY.

5. COMMENT: I THINK THAT VIGNES' PURPOSE IN CALLING ME IN WAS TO ASSESS RISK OF BAD PUBLICITY LOPEZ REGA TRIP MIGHT ENGENDER, ESPECIALLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY NOTORIOUS ALMIRON. MY COMMENTS ABOUT ALMIRON AND ORFILA'S RECOMMENDATION OF NASSAU MUST HAVE GIVEN VIGNES SOME IDEA THAT UNITED STATES WAS NOT CHOICE VACATION SPOT FOR MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

6. MORE DETAILED MEMORANDUM BEING POUCH ARA/APU. MONTLLOR

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